



## **King County**

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### **Veteran Citizens Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB)**

#### **Meeting Summary**

**March 28, 2013, 2–4 pm**

WorkSource Renton

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Francisco Ivarra at 2pm.

#### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople, Francisco Ivarra-Chair, Kathy Lewis, Mary Kay Lewis, Robert Stephens, Jr., Curtis Thompson, Ray Tomlinson, Bill Wood

**Board Members Excused/Absent:** Stan Gunno

**King County Staff Present:** George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Joel Estey, DCHS; Greg Ferland, DCHS; Cezanne Garcia, Public Health Seattle & King County (PHSKC); Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Pat Lemus, DCHS; Andrea Lafazia-Geraghty; Nancy Loverin, DCHS

**Guests:** Leo Flor, King County Veterans Advisory Board; Dixon McReynolds, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA); Scott Swaim

#### **King County Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI)**

The Regional Veterans Initiative team held a focus group with the VCLOB and the King County Veterans Advisory Board to gather their feedback on initial RVI recommendations and strategies to improve service delivery coordination. Laurie Sylla, MHCADSD staff, facilitated the discussion which included topics such as veteran's employment, healthcare, suicide prevention, housing, Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and a one-stop veteran's service hub. Three additional focus groups are planned.

#### **Review of Meeting Summary**

The February 28, 2013 meeting summary was approved as written.

#### **Chair's Report**

Francisco Ivarra expressed his appreciation to be invited to participate in the initial Special Advisors meeting for the Regional Veterans Initiative. He also reported that he and Mary Kay Lewis had their confirmation hearings before the King County Council.

#### **Staff Report**



The Joint VHS Levy board meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2013 at Nyer Urness House in Ballard. The next VCLOB meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2013.

### **Old Business**

- Board members were reminded about proposed language related to board absences. They will consider this at their upcoming discussion on board operating procedures.
- Board members inquired if a way to use 2012 supplemental budget funds to refurbish homes for veterans had been found. Staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Health Care Reform**

Jackie MacLean, Director, Department of Community and Human Services shared the work the Department is doing related to Motion 13768, developing a plan for an accountable and integrated system of health, human services and community-based prevention in King County; and the Budget Proviso that calls for an assessment and implementation plans for the integration of the Department of Community and Human Services and Public Health-Seattle & King County.

### **Discussion**

Board members discussed the challenge of integrating services and the need to establish an integrated database in order for the work to be successful. Jackie responded that the State is looking into regional data sharing needs and possibilities.

Board members appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback.

### **Public Comment**

The largest Veterans Day Parade celebration west of the Mississippi will be taking place in Auburn.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.